

**REMARKS**

At the time of the Office Action dated June 7, 2006, claims 1-25 were pending in this application. Of those claims, claims 1-9, 11, 13-17, and 22-25 have been rejected and claims 18-21 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b). Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 10 and 12 contain allowable subject matter.

By the present Amendment, claims 1-9, 11, and 13-25 have been cancelled, and claims 10 and 12 have been amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Claims 10 and 12 have each been amended to be placed in independent form, and claims 17 and 20 include all of the limitations recited in the claims upon which claims 10 and 12 depend. Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. However, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. Accordingly, and in view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 503839, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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